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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to read the section that Senator Venditte is changing. He is leaving this section in. "The abortion reporting form required under this section shall not include the name of the person upon whom the abortion was performed." The only thing that he is striking is "the abortion reporting form required under this section shall be confidential and shall not be revealed except under the order of a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil or a criminal procedure, proceeding", I'm sorry. So what I am saying is that there is two sections of this bill where the name of the patient or the woman is confidential. The only thing that he is striking is that section that says that the abortion reporting form shall be confidential. That part he is striking but the name of the mother or the patient he is still keeping in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to have the floor? Okay.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I just talked to Rex Higley and all surgical procedures do not have to be reported to the Health Department. As the statute that we passed, abortions must with a doctor's signature, the location but not the woman's or girl's name.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Cope, could you say again what you just said, please?

SENATOR COPE: As I understood, Mr. Higley said that all surgical procedures do not have to be reported to the Health Department but the statute as written, the doctor's name, the location, but not the woman's name. I believe that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He said that is reported now?

SENATOR COPE: That is reported now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he make any comment about what Senator Venditte is trying to do with his amendment?

SENATOR COPE: No, I didn't ask him, and again, that was over the phone and I think I am ninety-nine plus nine percent right on his interpretation of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator DeCamp, I just have